

Memorandum



Date: May 8, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro and
Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 1(D)1

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Sunset Review of County Boards for 2007 – Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am transmitting the 2007 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board. The Board approved the attached report at its meeting of February 13, 2007 and has recommended the continuation of its board.



Susanne M. Torriente
Assistant County Manager

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Date: February 13, 2007
To: George M. Burgess, County Manager
From: Joe A. Martinez
Chairperson, Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board
Subject: Sunset Review of County Boards for 2007 - Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board

Pursuant to Section 2-11.40 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, I am submitting the 2007 Sunset Review of County Boards Report for the Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board for transmittal to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The Board approved the attached report at its meeting of February 13, 2007.

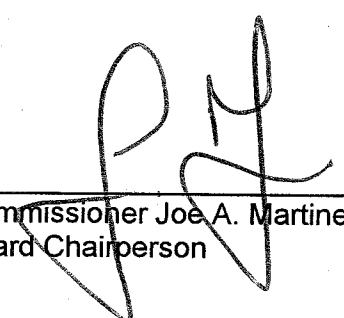
It is recommended that the BCC approve the continuation of the Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board.

BACKGROUND

The Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board was created in July 2001.

The Board was created to establish guidelines and application procedures for eligible recipients consistent with the requirements according to Ordinance #01-115 and to report the program's status and progress to the Board of County Commissioners.

The Board should continue to function to oversee the collection and distribution of the donated cellular telephones provided to eligible at risk Miami-Dade residents for the purpose of calling 9-1-1 for emergency assistance. The Board should also continue to make necessary program adjustments and modifications to provide ongoing efficient service to at risk Miami-Dade residents.



Commissioner Joe A. Martinez,
Board Chairperson

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2007**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Name of Board reporting:

Dial-A-Life Program Advisory and Oversight Board

2. Indicate number of board members, terms of office, and number of vacancies:

Number of Board Members: Nine members

Terms of Office: Two-year term

Number of Vacancies: None

3. Identify number of meetings and members' attendance (Attach records reflecting activity from **Jan. 1, 2005** through **December 31, 2006**):

Number of Meetings: Ten

Number of Meetings with a Quorum: Eight

Attendance Records: See Attachment

4. What is the source of your funding?

General Fund

5. Date of Board Creation: July 10, 2001

6. Attach a copy of the ordinance creating the Board (Please include all subsequent amendments).

See Attachment

7. Include the Board's Mission Statement or state its purpose:

The purpose of the Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board is to establish guidelines and application procedures for eligible recipients consistent with the requirements according to Ordinance #01-115, to report the program's status and progress to the Board of County Commissioners and to oversee the collection and disbursement of the donated cellular telephones.

8. Attach the Board's standard operating procedures, if any.

N/A

9. Attach a copy of the Board's By-Laws, if any.

N/A

10. Attach a copy of the Board minutes approving the Sunset Review Questionnaire, **including a vote of the membership.**

See Attachment

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11. Include a diskette, saved as ASCII or Rich Text Format (RTF), of the County Manager's transmittal memorandum to the Board of County Commissioners with the Board's recommendation.
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II. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Is the Board serving the purpose for which it was created? (Please provide detailed information)

To date, the Board has served its purpose to establish guidelines and application procedures for eligible recipients consistent with the requirements according to Ordinance #01-115, to report the program's status and progress to the Board of County Commissioners and to oversee the collection and disbursement of the donated cellular telephones.

Is the Board serving current community needs? (Please provide detailed information)

Yes, the Board is serving current community needs by collecting used, disconnected digital cellular telephones and reprogramming them so that eligible at risk Miami-Dade County residents can call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance. Various states, counties and municipalities have also shown interest in the Dial-A-Life Program and have requested information to emulate the Dial-A-Life Program.

1. What are the Board's major accomplishments?

a. Last 24 months

- Comcast aired Dial-A-Life Program public service announcements as in-kind service (valued at \$60,000.00)
- Dial-A-Life Program marketing re-launch campaign
 - Campaign slogan created "Your Donation. Their Salvation. Dial-A-Life"
 - "Power-A-Thon" telephone collection drive held at Dolphin Mall on February 12, 2005. BellSouth and Cingular Wireless were sponsors of the event and donated \$5,000.00 each. A total of 607 telephones were collected.
 - New Dial-A-Life posters created and delivered to Miami-Dade Transit (vendor), installed on metro-rail and bus for advertisement.
 - Dial-A-Life Program tent cards created and distributed to collection centers and Team Metro Offices throughout Miami-Dade County.
 - New Dial-A-Life Program collection bin built (by GSA) for telephone collection drives, etc. Currently located in the SPCC lobby for telephone collection.

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- 2,500 Dial-A-Life Program key chains purchased for giveaways at events.
 - 7 Collection centers partnered with the program
 - 17 Distribution centers partnered with the program
 - 12 Dial-A-Life Program presentations were conducted
 - 30 Telephone distribution events were conducted
 - 11 Telephone collection drives were conducted
 - Dial-A-Life Program Recognition events (December 8, 2005 and December 7, 2006) held in Board of County Commission Chambers to recognize organizations, individuals, etc. who have partnered with the program as collection and distribution centers.
 - Dial-A-Life Program information added to 2-1-1 (Children Trust) database
 - To date 5,081 telephones have been collected, 3,092 have been distributed and 1,989 have been discarded (broken)
- b. Since established
- Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board created
 - Implementation plan created and approved by Board
 - Program Coordinator hired
 - Marketing plan approved
 - Program kickoff held
 - Posters and fliers created and distributed throughout Miami-Dade County
 - Established distribution and collection centers
 - Trained distribution and collection centers representatives
 - Donor and Recipient Forms created, approved and printed
 - Additional board member (Enterprise Technology Service Department) added to Board
 - Database created to monitor and track telephone collection and distribution
 - Trust fund established
 - A recipient used Dial-A-Life Program telephone to make a life threatening emergency call for assistance and was transported to Kendall Regional Hospital for medical treatment
 - New marketing campaign approved by Board to re-launch program
 - Established new telephone number (305) 375-DIAL (3425) for the program, calls answered by 3-1-1 Call Center.
 - Revised Donor and Recipient Forms
 - Created Dial-A-Life Program website, purchased and secured dialalife.org, dialalife.net and dialalife.com domains

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2. Is there any other board, either public or private, which would better serve the function of this board?

No

3. Should the ordinance creating the Board be amended to better enable the Board to serve the purpose for which it was created? (Attach proposed changes, if answer is "Yes")

Yes, currently a recommendation to amend the Ordinance relating to Dial-A-Life Advisory and Oversight Board amending section 2-1312 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to reduce the number of required meetings from four times per year to three times per year and to reduce the quorum from a majority of the duly appointed and sitting members to three of the duly appointed and sitting members shall constitute a quorum.

4. Should the Board's membership requirements be modified?

Yes, currently a recommendation to amend the Ordinance has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners to add an additional seat on the Board (increase from nine members to ten members), "one representative from a community based organization dedicated to supporting families with at-risk or disabled children who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners".

5. What is the operating cost of the Board, both direct and indirect? (Report on FY 2006 and FY 2007)

There is a direct cost, to support the Board, of \$114,882 for FY 2006 and \$111,500 (budgeted) for FY 2007 (salary and fringe benefits for one support staff person) for the Board.

6. Describe the Board's performance measures developed to determine its own effectiveness in achieving its stated goals.

N/A

DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM ADVISORY & OVERSIGHT BOARD									
2006 ATTENDANCE									
Board Member	3/28/2006	5/22/2006	6/27/2006	9/19/2006	11/14/2006	12/12/2006			
Chairman Joe Martinez			X		X	X			
Paula Musto	X	X		X	X	X			
Gail Sterner	X	X	X	X		X			
Mary Catherine Chesser			X		X				
Vince Lopez					N/A	N/A			
Richard Jacobs	X	X		X	X	X			
Diana Susi				X	X				
Kathy Sarmiento			X	X	X	X			
John Concepcion	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Ramon Flores						X			
*NOTE: 03/28/2006 meeting canceled, no quorum									
*NOTE: 05/22/2006 meeting canceled, no quorum									

X = In Attendance
" " = Absent

DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM ADVISORY & OVERSIGHT BOARD 2005 ATTENDANCE

Board Member	3/31/2005	6/14/2005	10/11/2005	12/1/2005					
Chairman Joe Martinez			X	X					
Hilda M. Fernandez	X	X	N/A	N/A					
Paula Musto	N/A	N/A	X	X					
Gail Sterner		X	X	X					
Mary Catherine Chesser	X	X	X	X					
Freadda Zeigler	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Vince Lopez	X	X		X					
Richard Jacobs	X	X	X	X					
Felix Perez	X		X	X					
Diana Susi				X					
Kathy Sarmiento	N/A	X	X						

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Miami-Dade Legislative Item

File Number: 012029

File Number: 012029 **File Type:** Ordinance **Status:** Adopted
Version: 0 **Reference:** 01-115 **Control:** County Commission
File Name: DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM Introduced: 7/26/2001
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:** 7/10/2001
Agenda Date: 7/10/2001 **Agenda Item Number:** 4FSUBSTITUTE

Notes: THIS IS FINAL VERSION AS ADOPTED.
 (also see 011788)

Title: ORDINANCE CREATING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION OF DONATED CELLULAR AND/OR MOBILE TELEPHONES AND DISTRIBUTION TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS; ESTABLISHING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE, APPOINTMENT AND TENURE, POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, AND STAFF SUPPORT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Indexes: CELLULAR PHONES **Sponsors:** Joe A. Martinez
 DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM Dorrin D. Rolle

Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
County Attorney	7/26/2001		Assigned	Angelique Ortega			
Board of County Commissioners	7/10/2001	4F SUBSTITUTE	Adopted as amended				P

REPORT: A representative of the Miami-Dade Police Department responded to Commissioner Souto's inquiries and indicated she would investigate whether Crime Watch was interested in utilizing this program. Commissioner Martinez accepted an amendment to the foregoing proposed resolution to add as a member, the Chairperson of the Domestic Violence Advisory Board, as

proposed by Commissioner Seijas. Commissioner Martinez was appointed to serve on the Dial-A-Life Program Board. The Board adopted the foregoing ordinance as amended to include the Chair of the Domestic Violence Advisory Board as a member of the Dial-A-Life Program Board. First Assistant County Attorney Greenberg indicated Commissioner Rolle wished to be added as a cosponsor to the foregoing proposed ordinance.

Legislative Text

TITLE

ORDINANCE CREATING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION OF DONATED CELLULAR AND/OR MOBILE TELEPHONES AND DISTRIBUTION TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS; ESTABLISHING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE, APPOINTMENT AND TENURE, POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, AND STAFF SUPPORT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BODY

WHEREAS, cellular and/or mobile telephones may be utilized by members of the disabled community, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence for the purpose of making emergency 911 phone calls; and

WHEREAS, the County and its Communications Department may serve as a clearinghouse for citizens to donate cellular and/or mobile telephones to other citizens of this community that are in need of such telephones; and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time the County has surplus cellular and/or mobile telephones with no commercial value,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Code of Miami-Dade County shall be amended by the addition of the following new section:

A. Creation of the Dial-A-Life Program. There is hereby created and established the Dial-A-Life Program for the purpose of collecting cellular and/or mobile telephones and distributing them to eligible members of the Miami-Dade County community for purpose of providing them access to emergency "911" services.

B. Dial-A-Life Program Operations.

1. Collection from Public. The Dial-A-Life Program is to operate through the Miami-Dade Communications Department (the "Communications Department"). The Communications Department shall coordinate the distribution of collection bins provided by the Miami-Dade Solid Waste Department ("Solid Waste") in at least five (5) locations throughout Miami-Dade County for the purpose of collecting discarded cellular and/or mobile telephones from members of the Miami-Dade County community ("Donors"). The Communications Department shall also be responsible for distributing information regarding the Dial-A-Life Program, and collecting any and all information and/or forms from Donors required by the Dial-A-Life Program Board, as provided in Section 2, below. The Communications Department will also distribute, if requested by Donors, receipts reflecting the approximate value of the donated cellular and/or mobile telephones.

2. County Surplus Telephones. Notwithstanding anything in Administrative Order 8-2 or Section 2-

11.2.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to the contrary, the County may assign surplus mobile and/or cellular telephones with no commercial value to the Dial-A-Life Program for donation in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance; provided, however, that the Board of County Commissioners first make a finding by resolution that any surplus cellular and/or mobile telephones slated for donation through the Dial-A-Life Program are obsolete, or their continued use is uneconomical or inefficient, or that they no longer serve a useful function, and that they are without commercial value. All donation of County surplus mobile and/or cellular telephones shall be in accordance with Section 274.05 or 274.06 of the Florida Statutes.

3. Distribution to Eligible Recipients. The cellular and/or mobile telephones collected by the Communications Department for the Dial-A-Life Program shall be distributed to persons whose household income is less than \$20,000 per year and who are: (1) living with a physical or mental disability; (2) over the age of sixty-five (65); or (3) or have been victims of domestic violence (collectively "Eligible Recipients"). The Dial-A-Life Program Board, as provided in Section 2 below, shall establish all guidelines for the distribution of the telephones to Eligible Recipients, including, but not limited to those for: proof of income, proof of disability, and proof of domestic violence. No more than two (2) cellular and/or mobile telephones will be distributed to a household.

Section 2.

A. Creation of Dial-A-Life Program Board. A Dial-A-Life Program Advisory and Oversight Board (the "Board") will be formed to oversee the collection and distribution of donated cellular and/or mobile telephones, and to report to the Board of County Commissioners the status and progress of the Dial-A-Life Program.

B. Purpose. The Board shall the following rights and responsibilities:

1. to oversee the collection and disbursement of the donated mobile and/or cellular telephones;
2. to establish guidelines and application procedures for Eligible Recipients consistent with the requirements of this Ordinance.
3. to evaluate applications of potential Eligible Recipients;
4. to solicit assistance from the telecommunications industry for the repair and refurbishing of inoperable donated telephones;
5. to report to the Board of County Commissioners no less than two (2) times per year the status and progress of the Dial-A-Life Program, including the number of cellular and/or mobile telephones collected by the Program, the number of applications received by potential Eligible Recipients, the number of cellular and/or mobile telephones actually distributed to Eligible Recipients, and the cost of administering the Program.
6. to promulgate rules consistent with this Ordinance for the conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its responsibilities;
7. to perform other functions as are set forth for the Board in this Ordinance.

C. Ratification by the Board of County Commissioners. Any rules, guidelines, applications, or other material established by the Board in accordance with Section 2(B) shall be submitted to the Board of County Commission for ratification.

D. Board Membership.

1. Members. The Board shall be composed of the following members: a County Commissioner to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one member who shall be selected and appointed by the County Manager; the director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Communications; one representative of the telecommunications industry who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one representative from a domestic violence awareness, services, and/or prevention organization who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one representative from an elderly awareness, services and/or advocacy organization who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one member of the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; and one representative from a disability awareness, services, and/or advocacy organization who shall be selected and appointed by the County Manager.

2. Qualification. All of the Board members shall be at least 21 years of age and be citizens of the United States. In addition to any other qualification the Board may establish from time to time, the Board members shall be of high moral character and have demonstrated business experience and acumen.

3. Election and Term. Board members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners shall serve two (2) years terms and may be re-appointed as approved by the Board of County Commissioners. All other Board members shall serve until the earlier of: (i) the expiration of a two (2) year term from their appointment; (ii) their removal by a majority vote of the Board; or (iii) their resignation from the Board. Any Board vacancies arising due to a Board member's term expiring, removal from office, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the entity or person responsible for the initial appointment. By example, if a Board vacancy occurs in a position appointed by the County Manager, such vacancy shall be filled by a person selected and appointed by the County Manager of Miami-Dade County.

4. Removal. Any Board members may be removed with or without cause at any time by the vote of 7 of the 8 Board members entitled to vote at a special meeting of the Board members called for that purpose. New Board members to fill the vacancies thus created shall be elected and designated in accordance with Section 2 (E)(1).

5. Compensation. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

E. Organization of the Board.

1. Meetings. The Board shall hold regular meetings, no less than six times per year, and such other meetings, as it deems necessary. A majority of the duly appointed and sitting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board and all meetings shall be duly noticed to the public.

2. Applicability of County Rules and Procedures. The Board shall at all times operate under the Florida Open Government laws, including the "Sunshine Law," public meeting laws and public records laws and shall be governed by all State and County conflict of interest laws, as applicable, including the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, Sec. 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

3. Attendance requirement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, any Board member shall be automatically removed if, in a given fiscal year: (i) he or she is absent from three consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse; or (ii) if he or she is absent from three of the Board's meetings

without an acceptable excuse; or (iii) whether excused or not, he or she misses two-thirds (2/3) of the Board's meetings in a given fiscal year. A member shall be deemed absent from a meeting when he or she is not present at the meeting at least seventy-five percent of the time. An "acceptable excuse" is defined as an absence for medical reasons, business reasons, personal reasons, or any other reason which the Board, by a two-thirds vote of the membership, deems appropriate. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the full Board, the provisions of this section may be waived.

4. Staff and Facility Support. The County Manager and the County Attorney shall provide such staff support to the Board as may be necessary to accomplish its purpose. The County Manager will provide such facilities as the Board may deem necessary to accomplish its purposes.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 4. Incorporation into Miami-Dade Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

Section 6. Sunset Ordinance. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.

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File Number: 011863

File Number: 011863 **File Type:** Report **Status:** Accepted
Version: 0 **Reference:** **Control:** County Commission
File Name: REPORT ON CREATING AND AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS **Introduced:** 7/6/2001
Requester: County Manager **Cost:** **Final Action:** 7/10/2001
Agenda Date: 7/10/2001 **Agenda Item Number:** 12A8
Notes: Title: REPORT ON CREATING AND AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM ADVISORY AND OVERSIGHT BOARD
Indexes: DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM **Sponsors:** NONE
Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
Board of County Commissioners	7/10/2001	12A8	Accepted				P
County Manager	7/6/2001		Assigned	Tom David		7/6/2001	
REPORT:	Item processed to copy center. KD - 7/9/2001						

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HEADER

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members DATE: July 10, 2001
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Steve Shiver SUBJECT: Report on Creating and

County Manager Authorizing Appointment of
Members of the Dial-A-Life
Program Advisory and
Oversight Board

BODY

This report was prepared pursuant to Section 2.11.37 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, which requires that the following information be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners after first reading of an ordinance creating a new board and prior to the public hearing.

(1) Whether the establishment of the board will create sufficient betterment to the community to justify the Board of County Commissioners delegation of a portion of its authority.

The Board shall be responsible for the oversight of the collection and distribution of donated cellular and/or mobile telephones to low-income individuals who are either victims of domestic violence, mentally or physically disabled, or over the age of sixty-five (65) for the purpose of making emergency 911 phone calls. As such, the County would be making use of donated surplus cellular and/or mobile telephones with no commercial value.

(2) Whether another board or agency, either public or private which is already in existence, could serve the same purpose.

Currently, the Community Justice Outreach Agency (a private/nonprofit organization) provides this service to their clients that include the elderly and victims of domestic violence. Also, Safespace provides its clients with cellular phones for the purpose of making 911 emergency calls. These agencies have limited resources. The Miami-Dade Communications Department, which is charged with the responsibility of collecting donated cellular and/or mobile phones under section B, number 1 of the resolution, cannot use existing staff for the operations, although the Director of the Communications Department will serve as one member of the Board. It is recommended that the Board be comprised of advocates from a domestic violence awareness organization, an elderly awareness organization, and a disability awareness program; in addition

to one representative from the telecommunications industry, a County Commissioner, a member selected by the County Manager, and the Director of the Miami-Dade County Communications Department.

(3) The costs, both direct and indirect, of establishing and maintaining the board.

Although the members of the Board shall serve without compensation, they are entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses. Other costs include those of the materials required for the meetings of the Board. Support staff is to be provided by the County Manager and County Attorney: a program coordinator will be hired for this end; the overall fiscal impact of this individual's pay and benefits will be approximately \$50,000 per year (this sum is associated with the fiscal impact of the operations side of the program and not with the creation of the Board).

(4) Whether the board is necessary to enable the County to obtain State or federal grants or other financing.

There are no State or federal grants associated with the Dial-A-Life Program. The Board will seek

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funding from private business entities.

(5) Whether the board should have bonding authority.

It is not necessary for the Dial-A-Life Program Board to have bonding authority.

(6) Whether the board should have final authority to enter into contracts and spend County funds, or whether its contracts and expenditures must be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners.

"Any rules, guidelines, applications, or other material established by the Board in accordance with Section 2(b) shall be submitted to the Board of County Commission for ratification." - Section 2(c)

(7) Whether the creation of a new board is the best method of achieving the benefit desired.

The membership of the Board has been carefully designed to ensure that the parties intended to benefit from the program have proper representation and that the officials within the County charged with the program's implementation interact with these same advocates and a representative of the telecommunications industry.

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File Number: 011788

File Number: 011788 **File Type:** Ordinance **Status:** Amended
Version: 0 **Reference:** **Control:** County Commission
File Name: DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM Introduced: 7/2/2001
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:**
Agenda Date: 7/10/2001 **Agenda Item Number:** 4FSUBSTITUTE

Notes: SEE 012029 **Title:** ORDINANCE CREATING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM,
 FOR FINAL ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION OF
 VERSION AS DONATED CELLULAR AND/OR MOBILE TELEPHONES AND
 ADOPTED DISTRIBUTION TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS; ESTABLISHING
 DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM BOARD; PROVIDING FOR
 MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, ORGANIZATION AND
 PROCEDURE, APPOINTMENT AND TENURE, POWERS,
 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, AND STAFF
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Indexes: CELLULAR PHONES **Sponsors:** Joe A. Martinez
 DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM Dorrin D. Rolle

Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned Pass/Fail
Board of County Commissioners	7/10/2001	4F SUBSTITUTE	Amended			
REPORT:	(See Legislative File No. 012029 for amended version.)					
County Attorney	7/10/2001		Assigned	Angelique Ortega		

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TITLE

ORDINANCE CREATING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION OF DONATED CELLULAR AND/OR MOBILE TELEPHONES AND DISTRIBUTION TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS; ESTABLISHING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE, APPOINTMENT AND TENURE, POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, AND STAFF SUPPORT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BODY

WHEREAS, cellular and/or mobile telephones may be utilized by members of the disabled community, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence for the purpose of making emergency 911 phone calls; and

WHEREAS, the County and its Communications Department may serve as a clearinghouse for citizens to donate cellular and/or mobile telephones to other citizens of this community that are in need of such telephones; and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time the County has surplus cellular and/or mobile telephones with no commercial value,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Code of Miami-Dade County shall be amended by the addition of the following new section:

A. Creation of the Dial-A-Life Program. There is hereby created and established the Dial-A-Life Program for the purpose of collecting cellular and/or mobile telephones and distributing them to eligible members of the Miami-Dade County community for purpose of providing them access to emergency "911" services.

B. Dial-A-Life Program Operations.

1. Collection from Public. The Dial-A-Life Program is to operate through the Miami-Dade Communications Department (the "Communications Department"). The Communications Department shall coordinate the distribution of collection bins provided by the Miami-Dade Solid Waste Department ("Solid Waste") in at least five (5) locations throughout Miami-Dade County for the purpose of collecting discarded cellular and/or mobile telephones from members of the Miami-Dade County community ("Donors"). The Communications Department shall also be responsible for distributing information regarding the Dial-A-Life Program, and collecting any and all information and/or forms from Donors required by the Dial-A-Life Program Board, as provided in Section 2, below. The Communications Department will also distribute, if requested by Donors, receipts reflecting the approximate value of the donated cellular and/or mobile telephones.

2. County Surplus Telephones. Notwithstanding anything in Administrative Order 8-2 or Section 2-11.2.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County to the contrary, the County may assign surplus mobile and/or cellular telephones with no commercial value to the Dial-A-Life Program for donation in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Ordinance; provided, however, that the Board of County Commissioners first make a finding by resolution that any surplus cellular and/or mobile telephones slated for donation through the Dial-A-Life Program are obsolete, or their continued use is uneconomical or inefficient, or that they no longer serve a useful function, and that they are without commercial value. All donation of County surplus mobile and/or cellular telephones shall be in accordance with Section 274.05 or 274.06 of the Florida Statutes.

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3. Distribution to Eligible Recipients. The cellular and/or mobile telephones collected by the Communications Department for the Dial-A-Life Program shall be distributed to persons whose household income is less than \$20,000 per year and who are: (1) living with a physical or mental disability; (2) over the age of sixty-five (65); or (3) or have been victims of domestic violence (collectively "Eligible Recipients"). The Dial-A-Life Program Board, as provided in Section 2 below, shall establish all guidelines for the distribution of the telephones to Eligible Recipients, including, but not limited to those for: proof of income, proof of disability, and proof of domestic violence. No more than two (2) cellular and/or mobile telephones will be distributed to a household.

Section 2.

A. Creation of Dial-A-Life Program Board. A Dial-A-Life Program Advisory and Oversight Board (the "Board") will be formed to oversee the collection and distribution of donated cellular and/or mobile telephones, and to report to the Board of County Commissioners the status and progress of the Dial-A-Life Program.

B. Purpose. The Board shall the following rights and responsibilities:

1. to oversee the collection and disbursement of the donated mobile and/or cellular telephones;
2. to establish guidelines and application procedures for Eligible Recipients consistent with the requirements of this Ordinance.
3. to evaluate applications of potential Eligible Recipients;
4. to solicit assistance from the telecommunications industry for the repair and refurbishing of inoperable donated telephones;
5. to report to the Board of County Commissioners no less than two (2) times per year the status and progress of the Dial-A-Life Program, including the number of cellular and/or mobile telephones collected by the Program, the number of applications received by potential Eligible Recipients, the number of cellular and/or mobile telephones actually distributed to Eligible Recipients, and the cost of administering the Program.
6. to promulgate rules consistent with this Ordinance for the conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its responsibilities;
7. to perform other functions as are set forth for the Board in this Ordinance.

C. Ratification by the Board of County Commissioners. Any rules, guidelines, applications, or other material established by the Board in accordance with Section 2(B) shall be submitted to the Board of County Commission for ratification.

D. Board Membership.

1. Members. The Board shall be composed of the following members: a County Commissioner to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one member who shall be selected and appointed by the County Manager; the director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Communications; one representative of the telecommunications industry who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one representative from a domestic violence awareness, services, and/or prevention organization who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners;

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one representative from an elderly awareness, services and/or advocacy organization who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; and one representative from a disability awareness, services, and/or advocacy organization who shall be selected and appointed by the County Manager.

2. Qualification. All of the Board members shall be at least 21 years of age and be citizens of the United States. In addition to any other qualification the Board may establish from time to time, the Board members shall be of high moral character and have demonstrated business experience and acumen.

3. Election and Term. Board members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners shall serve two (2) years terms and may be re-appointed as approved by the Board of County Commissioners. All other Board members shall serve until the earlier of: (i) the expiration of a two (2) year term from their appointment; (ii) their removal by a majority vote of the Board; or (iii) their resignation from the Board. Any Board vacancies arising due to a Board member's term expiring, removal from office, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the entity or person responsible for the initial appointment. By example, if a Board vacancy occurs in a position appointed by the County Manager, such vacancy shall be filled by a person selected and appointed by the County Manager of Miami-Dade County.

4. Removal. Any Board members may be removed with or without cause at any time by the vote of 6 of the 7 Board members entitled to vote at a special meeting of the Board members called for that purpose. New Board members to fill the vacancies thus created shall be elected and designated in accordance with Section 2 (E)(1).

5. Compensation. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

E. Organization of the Board.

1. Meetings. The Board shall hold regular meetings, no less than six times per year, and such other meetings, as it deems necessary. A majority of the duly appointed and sitting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board and all meetings shall be duly noticed to the public.

2. Applicability of County Rules and Procedures. The Board shall at all times operate under the Florida Open Government laws, including the "Sunshine Law," public meeting laws and public records laws and shall be governed by all State and County conflict of interest laws, as applicable, including the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, Sec. 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

3. Attendance requirement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, any Board member shall be automatically removed if, in a given fiscal year: (i) he or she is absent from three consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse; or (ii) if he or she is absent from three of the Board's meetings without an acceptable excuse; or (iii) whether excused or not, he or she misses two-thirds (2/3) of the Board's meetings in a given fiscal year. A member shall be deemed absent from a meeting when he or she is not present at the meeting at least seventy-five percent of the time. An "acceptable excuse" is defined as an absence for medical reasons, business reasons, personal reasons, or any other reason which the Board, by a two-thirds vote of the membership, deems appropriate. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the full Board, the provisions of this section may be waived.

4. Staff and Facility Support. The County Manager and the County Attorney shall provide such staff support to the Board as may be necessary to accomplish its purpose. The County Manager will provide such facilities as the Board may deem necessary to accomplish its purposes.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is


held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 4. Incorporation into Miami-Dade Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

Section 6. Sunset Ordinance. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.

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Miami-Dade Legislative Item

File Number: 011974

File Number: 011974 **File Type:** Resolution **Status:** Reconsidered
Version: 0 **Reference:** R-912-01 **Control:** County Commission
File Name: RESO DIRECT MANAGER TO RPT TO IDENTIFY SURPLUS CELL PHONES **Introduced:** 7/17/2001
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:** 7/24/2001
Agenda Date: 7/24/2001 **Agenda Item Number:** 9A2

Notes: SEE 012858 FOR FINAL VERSION AS ADOPTED) **Title:** RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSION ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IDENTIFYING SURPLUS CELLULAR PHONES, THEIR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS, CONDITION AND RESIDUAL VALUE

Indexes: SURPLUS PROPERTY CELLULAR PHONES COUNTY MANAGER **Sponsors:** Joe A. Martinez

Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
Board of County Commissioners	7/24/2001	9A2	Adopted				P
REPORT: NOTE: At the meeting of September 13, 2001, the foregoing proposed resolution was reconsidered. (See Agenda Item 9A10 -- Legislative File Number 012858 in Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2001 -- Legislative Key Number 877.)							
County Attorney	7/17/2001		Assigned	William X. Candela		7/17/2001	

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSION ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IDENTIFYING SURPLUS CELLULAR PHONES, THEIR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS, CONDITION AND RESIDUAL VALUE

BODY

WHEREAS, the County owns a substantial number of cellular phones which are utilized to conduct County business; and

WHEREAS, every year a certain number of cellular phones become surplus property of the County; and

WHEREAS, many of these cellular phones have no commercial value; and

WHEREAS, surplus cellular phones may be utilized by members of the disabled community, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence for the purpose of making emergency 911 phone calls; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to provide the Dial-A-Life Program with surplus cellular phones to distribute to the disabled community, elderly and victims of domestic violence for the purposes of making emergency 911 phone calls,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager, acting through the General Services Administration, is directed to provide a report to this Board on a quarterly basis detailing all of the cellular and/or mobile telephones that have become surplus during the prior quarter and identifying their Miami-Dade County identification number, residual value, and condition.

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Miami-Dade Legislative Item

File Number: 012858

File Number: 012858 **File Type:** Resolution **Status:** Adopted
Version: 0 **Reference:** R-988-A-01 **Control:**
File Name: RESO DIRECT COUNTY MGR TO IDENTIFY SURPLUS CELL PHONES **Introduced:** 10/29/2001
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:** 9/11/2001
Agenda Date: 9/13/2001 **Agenda Item Number:** 9A10

Notes: THIS IS FINAL VERSION AS ADOPTED. (also see 011974) **Title:** RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSION ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IDENTIFYING SURPLUS CELLULAR PHONES, THEIR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS, CONDITION AND RESIDUAL VALUE

Indexes: SURPLUS PROPERTY CELLULAR PHONES COUNTY MANAGER **Sponsors:** Joe A. Martinez

Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
County Attorney	10/29/2001		Assigned	William X. Candela			
Board of County Commissioners	9/11/2001	9A10	Adopted as amended				P

REPORT: On September 13, 2001, Commissioner Martinez moved to reconsider the foregoing resolution from the July 24, 2001 County Commission meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolle, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 7-0, (Commissioners Alonso, Carey-Shuler, Barreiro, Souto, Sosa and Chairperson Margolis were absent). The foregoing resolution was adopted as amended to change the name of the department identified in the resolution from General Services Administration to Information Technology Department. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Rolle, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a

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vote of 7-0, (Commissioners Alonso, Carey-Shuler, Barreiro, Souto, Sosa and Chairperson Margolis were absent).

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSION ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IDENTIFYING SURPLUS CELLULAR PHONES, THEIR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS, CONDITION AND RESIDUAL VALUE

BODY

WHEREAS, the County owns a substantial number of cellular phones which are utilized to conduct County business; and

WHEREAS, every year a certain number of cellular phones become surplus property of the County; and


WHEREAS, many of these cellular phones have no commercial value; and

WHEREAS, surplus cellular phones may be utilized by members of the disabled community, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence for the purpose of making emergency 911 phone calls; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to provide the Dial-A-Life Program with surplus cellular phones to distribute to the disabled community, elderly and victims of domestic violence for the purposes of making emergency 911 phone calls,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager, acting through the Information Technology Department, is directed to provide a report to this Board on a quarterly basis detailing all of the cellular and/or mobile telephones that have become surplus during the prior quarter and identifying their Miami-Dade County identification number, residual value, and condition.

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Miami-Dade Legislative Item

File Number: 020322

File Number: 020322 **File Type:** Ordinance **Status:** Adopted
Version: 0 **Reference:** 02-40 **Control:** County Commission
File Name: DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM Introduced: 2/7/2002
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:** 3/12/2002
Agenda Date: 3/12/2002 **Agenda Item Number:** 4B

Notes: Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #01-115 RELATING TO THE
 CREATION OF THE DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM; ALLOWING DISTRIBUTION
 OF DONATED CELLULAR AND/OR MOBILE TELEPHONES TO PERSONS
 WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS LESS THAN \$20,000; CORRECTING A
 SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE
 CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Indexes: DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM **Sponsors:** Joe A. Martinez

Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
Board of County Commissioners	3/12/2002	4B	Adopted				P
Ways and Means Committee	2/19/2002	2H	Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation				P
Board of County Commissioners	2/12/2002	13H	Adopted on first reading		3/12/2002		P
REPORT: The foregoing proposed ordinance was adopted on first reading on February 14, 2002.							
County Attorney	2/7/2002		Assigned	Angelique Ortega			

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ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #01-115 RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM; ALLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF DONATED CELLULAR AND/OR MOBILE TELEPHONES TO PERSONS WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS LESS THAN \$20,000; CORRECTING A SCRIVENER'S ERROR; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BODY

WHEREAS, at their January 23, 2002 meeting, the Dial-A-Life Foundation Advisory Board passed a resolution recommending that the Board of County Commissioners amend O#01-115 to allow distribution of donated cellular telephones to all persons whose household income is less than \$20,000 in addition to all persons who are living with a mental or physical disability, are over the age of 65, or who are victims of domestic violence regardless of income.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Section 1. Ordinance #01-115 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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B. Dial-A-Life Program Operations

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3. Distribution to Eligible Recipients. The cellular and/or mobile telephones collected by the Communications Department for the Dial-A-Life Program shall be distributed to: persons whose household income is less than \$20,000 per year and >>/ or<< who are: (1) living with a physical or mental disability; (2) over the age of sixty-five (65); or (3) [[or]] have been victims of domestic violence (collectively "Eligible Recipients"). The Dial-A-Life Program Board, as provided in Section 2 below, shall establish all guidelines for the distribution of the telephones to Eligible Recipients, including but not limited to those for: proof of income, proof of disability, and proof of domestic violence. No more than two (2) cellular and/or mobile telephones will be distributed to a household.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. Incorporation into Miami-Dade County Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.


Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

Section 5. Sunset Ordinance. This ordinance does not contain a sunset provision.

1 Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and

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remain unchanged.

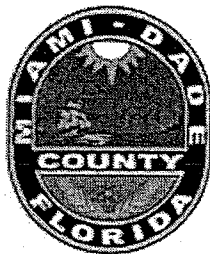
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Miami-Dade Legislative Item

File Number: 032684

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File Number: 032684 **File Type:** Ordinance **Status:** Adopted
Version: 0 **Reference:** 04-18 **Control:** County Commission
File Name: ORDINANCE AMENDING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM **Introduced:** 9/30/2003
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:** 1/20/2004
Agenda Date: 1/20/2004 **Agenda Item Number:** 6A

Notes: Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION OF DONATED CELLULAR AND/OR MOBILE TELEPHONES AND DISTRIBUTION TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS; ESTABLISHING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE, APPOINTMENT AND TENURE, POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, AND STAFF SUPPORT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Indexes: DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM **Sponsors:** Joe A. Martinez

Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
Board of County Commissioners	1/20/2004	6A	Adopted				P
Public Safety Committee	12/9/2003	3A	Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation				P
County Manager	11/17/2003		Referred	Public Safety Committee	12/9/2003		
Public Safety	11/14/2003	3A	Deferred to next				

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Committee

committee meeting

REPORT: The foregoing proposed resolution was deferred to the next committee meeting scheduled for December 9, 2003, due to lack of a quorum.

Board of County Commissioners	10/21/2003 13L	Adopted on first reading	11/14/2003	P
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REPORT: The foregoing proposed ordinance was adopted on first reading and set for public hearing before the Public Safety Committee on November 14, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners	10/21/2003	Scheduled for a public hearing	Public Safety Committee	11/14/2003
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County Attorney	9/30/2003	Assigned	Richard B. Rosenthal	9/30/2003
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County Attorney	9/30/2003	Assigned	Public Safety Committee	11/14/2003
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ORDINANCE AMENDING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION OF DONATED CELLULAR AND/OR MOBILE TELEPHONES AND DISTRIBUTION TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS; ESTABLISHING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE, APPOINTMENT AND TENURE, POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, AND STAFF SUPPORT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BODY

WHEREAS, cellular and/or mobile telephones may be utilized by members of the disabled community, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence for the purpose of making emergency 911 phone calls; and

WHEREAS, the County and its Communications Department may serve as a clearinghouse for citizens to donate cellular and/or mobile telephones to other citizens of this community that are in need of such telephones; and

WHEREAS, from time-to-time the County has surplus cellular and/or mobile telephones with no commercial value,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 2-1312 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-1312. [Program board.]

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D. Board Membership.

1. Members. The Board shall be composed of the following members: a County Commissioner to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one member who shall be selected and appointed by the County Manager; the director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Communications; one representative of the telecommunications industry who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one representative from a domestic violence awareness, services, and/or prevention organization who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one representative from an elderly awareness, services and/or advocacy organization who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one member of the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; and one representative from a disability awareness, services, and/or advocacy organization who shall be selected and appointed by the County Manager>>; and one member of the Miami-Dade Department of Information Technology who shall be selected and appointed by the Director of that Department<<.

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E. Organization of the Board.

1. Meetings. The Board shall hold regular meetings, no less than ~~[[six]]~~>>four<< times per year>> for calendar year 2003, and four times per year for every year thereafter<<, and such other meetings, as it deems necessary. A majority of the duly appointed and sitting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board and all meetings shall be duly noticed to the public.

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Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. Incorporation into Miami-Dade County Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

1 Words stricken through and/or ~~[[double bracketed]]~~ shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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File Number: 040591

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File Number: 040591 **File Type:** Ordinance **Status:** Adopted
Version: 0 **Reference:** 04-96 **Control:** Board of County Commissioners
File Name: DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM Introduced: 2/25/2004
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:** 5/11/2004
Agenda Date: 5/11/2004 **Agenda Item Number:** 6J
Notes: Title: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-18 REGARDING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM, PERMITTING MULTIPLE OR CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE
Indexes: DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM **Sponsors:** Joe A. Martinez
Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
Board of County Commissioners	5/11/2004	6J	Adopted				P
Public Safety Committee	4/20/2004	3A	Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation				P
REPORT: Chairperson Martinez announced that the foregoing proposed ordinance was open for public participation, and there being no persons to appear before the Committee, the public hearing was closed.							
Board of County Commissioners	3/18/2004	13N	Adopted on first reading		4/20/2004		P
REPORT: The foregoing proposed ordinance was adopted on first reading and set for public hearing before the Public Safety Committee Meeting on April 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.							
Board of County	3/16/2004	13N	Carried over		3/18/2004		

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Commissioners

Board of County Commissioners	3/16/2004	Scheduled for a public hearing	Public Safety Committee	4/20/2004
County Attorney	2/25/2004	Assigned	Richard B. Rosenthal	2/25/2004
County Attorney	2/25/2004	Assigned	Public Safety Committee	4/20/2004

Legislative Text

TITLE

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 04-18 REGARDING DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM, PERMITTING MULTIPLE OR CONSECUTIVE TERMS OF BOARD MEMBERS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

BODY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 2-1312 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-1312. [Program board.]

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D. Board Membership.

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3. Election and Term. Board members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners shall serve

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two (2) years terms and may be re-appointed as approved by the Board of County Commissioners. All other Board members shall serve until the earlier of:

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- (iii) Their resignation from the Board.

>>The foregoing shall not prohibit any Board member from serving multiple or consecutive terms, if re-appointed to such position.<< Any Board vacancies arising due to a Board member's term expiring, removal from office, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the entity or person responsible for the initial appointment. By example, if a Board vacancy occurs in a position appointed by the County Manager, such vacancy shall be filled by a person selected and appointed by the County Manager of Miami-Dade County.

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E. Organization of the Board.

1. Meetings. The Board shall hold regular meetings, no less than four times per year for calendar year 2003, and four times per year for every year thereafter, and such other meetings, as it deems necessary. A majority of the duly appointed and sitting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board and all meetings shall be duly noticed to the public.

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Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 3. Incorporation into Miami-Dade County Code. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Metropolitan Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

1 Words stricken through and/or [[double bracketed]] shall be deleted. Words underscored and/or >>double arrowed<< constitute the amendment proposed. Remaining provisions are now in effect and remain unchanged.

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Miami-Dade Legislative Item

File Number: 043322

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File Number: 043322 **File Type:** Resolution **Status:** Adopted
Version: 0 **Reference:** R-83-05 **Control:** County Commission
File Name: CELLULAR PHONES FOR USE IN THE DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM **Introduced:** 11/30/2004
Requester: NONE **Cost:** **Final Action:** 1/20/2005
Agenda Date: 1/20/2005 **Agenda Item Number:** 10A4

Notes: Title: RESOLUTION AMENDING R-988-A-01 DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSION ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS RATHER THAN A QUARTERLY BASIS IDENTIFYING SURPLUS CELLULAR PHONES FOR USE IN THE DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM

Indexes: NONE **Sponsors:** Joe A. Martinez

Sunset Provision: No **Effective Date:** **Expiration Date:**
Registered Lobbyist: None Listed

Legislative History

Acting Body	Date	Agenda Item	Action	Sent To	Due Date	Returned	Pass/Fail
Board of County Commissioners	1/20/2005	10A4	Adopted				P
Public Safety Committee	12/7/2004	3C	Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation				P
County Attorney	11/30/2004		Assigned	Thomas W. Logue			
County Attorney	11/30/2004		Assigned	Public Safety Committee	12/7/2004		

Legislative Text

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TITLE

RESOLUTION AMENDING R-988-A-01 DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSION ON A SEMI-ANNUAL BASIS RATHER THAN A QUARTERLY BASIS IDENTIFYING SURPLUS CELLULAR PHONES FOR USE IN THE DIAL-A-LIFE PROGRAM

BODY

WHEREAS, under the Dial-a-Life program, over 990 cellular phones, which would otherwise have been discarded, have been modified to allow emergency 9-1-1 calls only and then distributed to elderly residents and low income families; and

WHEREAS, this program has already saved lives, for example, late one night in June 2004, Olga Bohorques, a Palmer House resident, began experiencing severe chest pains, and used her Dial-A-Life phone to call 9-1-1 so that the paramedics arrived within minutes and transported her to Kendall Regional Hospital for medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution R-988-A-01, the Board of County Commissioners directed the County Manager to report on the availability of surplus cellular phones for use in the Dial-a-Life program on a quarterly basis, but it now appears that it would be equally or more efficient to report on a semi-annual basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Manager, acting through the Enterprise Technology Services Department, is directed to provide a report to this Board on a semi-annual basis detailing all of the cellular and/or mobile telephones that have become surplus during the prior 6 months and identifying their Miami-Dade County identification number, residual value, and condition, all for use in the Dial-a-Life program. Resolution R-988-A-01 is amended accordingly.

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MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 4(O)

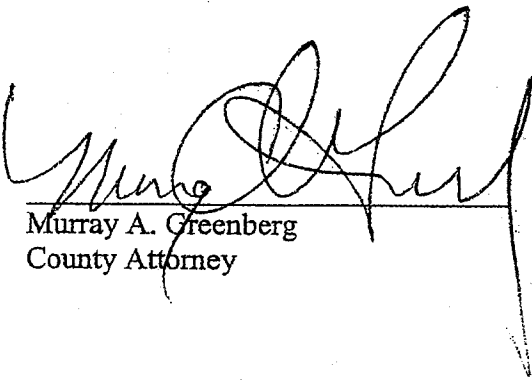
TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 28, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Ordinance amending Section
2-1312 of the Code relating
to Dial-A-Life Board

The accompanying ordinance was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Chairman Joe A. Martinez.


Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez DATE: November 28, 2006
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 4(0)

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

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Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

Agenda Item No. 4(O)
11-28-06

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE RELATING TO DIAL-A-LIFE BOARD;
AMENDING SECTION 2-1312 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED
MEETINGS AND THE NUMBER NECESSARY TO
ESTABLISH A QUORUM AND TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL
SEAT ON THE BOARD; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY,
INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, under the Dial-a-Life program, over 2,827 cellular phones, which would otherwise have been discarded, have been modified to allow emergency 9-1-1 calls only and then distributed to elderly residents and low income families; and

WHEREAS, this program has already saved lives, for example, late one night in June 2004, Olga Bohorques, a Palmer House resident, began experiencing severe chest pains, and used her Dial-A-Life phone to call 9-1-1 so that the paramedics arrived within minutes and transported her to Kendall Regional Hospital for medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, now that the program is well-established and running smoothly it would be more efficient to reduce the number of required annual meetings from four to three, leaving the Chairperson and the Board the discretion to call more meetings when the public interest requires, and to reduce the quorum requirement to facilitate the routine work of the Board, such as reviewing and approving staff reports; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Board would be assisted by the addition of a board seat for a representative of a community based organization dedicated to supporting families with at-risk or disabled children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Section 2-1312 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is hereby
amended to read as follows:¹

Sec. 2-1312. [Program board.]

- A. *Creation of Dial-A-Life Program Board.* A Dial-A-Life Program Advisory and Oversight Board (the "Board") will be formed to oversee the collection and distribution of donated cellular and/or mobile telephones, and to report to the Board of County Commissioners the status and progress of the Dial-A-Life Program.
- B. *Purpose.* The Board shall [have] the following rights and responsibilities:
1. To oversee the collection and disbursement of the donated mobile and/or cellular telephones;
 2. To establish guidelines and application procedures for Eligible Recipients consistent with the requirements of this article.
 3. To evaluate applications of potential Eligible Recipients;
 4. To solicit assistance from the telecommunications industry for the repair and refurbishing of inoperable donated telephones;
 5. To report to the Board of County Commissioners no less than two (2) times per year the status and progress of the Dial-A-Life Program, including the number of cellular and/or mobile telephones collected by the Program, the number of applications received by potential Eligible

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Recipients, the number of cellular and/or mobile telephones actually distributed to Eligible Recipients, and the cost of administering the Program.

6. To promulgate rules consistent with this article for the conduct of its meetings and the discharge of its responsibilities;
7. To perform other functions as are set forth for the Board in this article.

C. *Ratification by the Board of County Commissioners.* Any rules, guidelines, applications, or other material established by the Board in accordance with Section 2-1312(B) shall be submitted to the Board of County Commission for ratification.

D. *Board Membership.*

1. *Members.* The Board shall be composed of the following members: a County Commissioner to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one member who shall be selected and appointed by the County Manager; the director of the Miami-Dade County Department of Communications; one representative of the telecommunications industry who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one representative from a domestic violence awareness, services, and/or prevention organization who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one representative from an elderly awareness, services and/or advocacy organization who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; one member of the Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners; ~~>>one representative from a community based organization dedicated to supporting families with at-risk or disabled children who shall be selected and appointed by the Board of County Commissioners;<<~~ and one representative from a disability awareness, services, and/or advocacy organization who shall be selected and appointed by the County Manager; and one member

of the Miami-Dade Department of Information Technology who shall be selected and appointed by the Director of that Department.

2. *Qualification.* All of the Board members shall be at least 21 years of age and be citizens of the United States. In addition to any other qualification the Board may establish from time to time, the Board members shall be of high moral character and have demonstrated business experience and acumen.
3. *Election and Term.* Board members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners shall serve two (2) years terms and may be re-appointed as approved by the Board of County Commissioners. All other Board members shall serve until the earlier of:
 - (i) The expiration of a two (2) year term from their appointment;
 - (ii) Their removal by a majority vote of the Board; or
 - (iii) Their resignation from the Board.

The foregoing shall not prohibit any Board member from serving multiple or consecutive terms, if re-appointed to such position. Any Board vacancies arising due to a Board member's term expiring, removal from office, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the entity or person responsible for the initial appointment. By example, if a Board vacancy occurs in a position appointed by the County Manager, such vacancy shall be filled by a person selected and appointed by the County Manager of Miami-Dade County.

4. *Removal.* Any Board members may be removed with or without cause at any time by the vote of 7 of the 8 Board members entitled to vote at a special meeting of the Board members called for that purpose. New Board members to fill the vacancies thus created shall be elected and designated in accordance with Section 2-1312(E)(1).

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5. *Compensation.* Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

E. *Organization of the Board.*

1. *Meetings.* The Board shall hold regular meetings, no less than four times per year for calendar year 2003, and ~~[[four]]~~>>three<< times per year for every year thereafter, and such other meetings, as it deems necessary. ~~[[A majority]]~~>>Three<< of the duly appointed and sitting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. Minutes shall be kept of all meetings of the Board and all meetings shall be duly noticed to the public.
2. *Applicability of County Rules and Procedures.* The Board shall at all times operate under the Florida Open Government laws, including the "Sunshine Law," public meeting laws and public records laws and shall be governed by all State and County conflict of interest laws, as applicable, including the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, Sec. 2-11.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.
3. *Attendance requirement.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, any Board member shall be automatically removed if, in a given fiscal year:
 - (i) He or she is absent from three consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse;
 - (ii) If he or she is absent from three of the Board's meetings without an acceptable excuse; or
 - (iii) Whether excused or not, he or she misses two-thirds (2/3) of the Board's meetings in a given fiscal year.

A member shall be deemed absent from a meeting when he or she is not present at the meeting at least seventy-five percent of the time. An "acceptable excuse" is defined as an absence for medical

reasons, business reasons, personal reasons, or any other reason which the Board, by a two-thirds vote of the membership, deems appropriate. By a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the full Board, the provisions of this section may be waived.

4. *Staff and Facility Support.* The County Manager and the County Attorney shall provide such staff support to the Board as may be necessary to accomplish its purpose. ~~The County Manager will provide such facilities as the Board may deem necessary to accomplish its purposes.~~

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected by such invalidity.

Section 4. It is the intention of the Board of County Commissioners, and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance, including any sunset provision, shall become and be made a part of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida. The sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intention, and the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or other appropriate word.


Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of enactment unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED:

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency:



Prepared by:



Thomas W. Logue

Sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez

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DIAL A LIFE ADVISORY & OVERSIGHT BOARD

MINUTES

02/13/2007

ATTENDANCE

Members Present

Commissioner Joe Martinez, Chair
Paula Musto, Vice Chair
Gail Sterner
Richard Jacobs
Mary Catherine Chessser
John Concepcion

Members Absent

Diana Susi
Kathy Sarmiento
Ramon Flores

Others

Carmen Williams, Dial-A-Life Program Coordinator
Asheley Hepburn, Manager of Administration, Communications Department

Commissioner Joe A. Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. He greeted all board members and thanked them for attending the meeting. Ms. Williams called the roll to verify attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Sterner made a motion to approve the December 12, 2006 meeting minutes as presented, Mr. Jacobs second the motion and all present agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of 2007 Sunset Review Report
 - Ms. Williams gave an overview of the Sunset Review Report and discussed the Sunset Review Questionnaire. Commissioner Martinez suggested that inquiries made by various states, counties and municipalities regarding the Dial-A-Life Program be added to the report and all present members agreed. Ms. Williams informed board that she would add information under the Evaluation Criteria (Section II). Ms. Sterner made a motion to accept the 2007 Sunset Review Report with the amendment, Ms. Chessser second the motion and all present agreed.

Adjournment

Chairman Martinez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Sterner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Chessser second the motion and all present board members agreed. Commissioner Martinez adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:45 p.m.

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